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NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hello - It's me again---your acting administrator. As I said before, I will stay on until a permanent administrator is appointed. That selection process is now in motion so a permanent administrator should be on board in the April/May time frame.

I surely did enjoy the Governor's Conference; because I got the opportunity to meet so many great people who play such key roles on the disaster and emergency services team. I had a lot of fun with the humor, smiles, and laughter, but the best had to be Doug Pitt's immediate request for a presidential declaration during the table-top exercise.

Special congratulations and thanks go out to those members of the Association who contributed so much to the success of the conference. The panel discussion was excellent and a real eye-opener for me. The table-top exercise received many rave reviews and the team building achieved was immeasurable. The door prize system was well conceived and managed, and it got everyone involved.

I asked for comments concerning the future format of the Governor's Conference and the response has been good. I appreciate the comments made about the State DES staff. They do a good job and they need to be told that every now and then. Comments were overwhelming in support of the Governor's Conference remaining in the current format. Many also suggested that we get the commissioners and other county officials involved in exercises at the conference. There were many good comments that deserve our attention. Thanks for your support.

I have always felt that Montanans were very special people. Those who attended the Governor's Conference reinforced my feelings.

I turned down a gift. I will probably go on record as the only temporary administrator who looked a gift horse in the mouth. The Montana Power Company offered to donate a significant sum to buy maps for our EOC computer system. We actually asked MPC to hold the money for us until we could make better use of it. We started a systems analysis to determine our automation needs and requirements. Once completed, we will have a framework for growth. We can then maximize our federal, state, local and private sector funds to improve our systems.

Our Survivable Crisis Management (SCM) proposal has been approved. It appears that there are federal funds available, under SCM, for EOC's. There are several catches though. The funding is 50/50 hard match. The location has to be in a county designated "host" in the *Montana Population Allocation Summary*. And the biggest catch, the county must be willing to share the space with the state as an alternate State EOC location. If you are interested in this opportunity contact me.

Bill Good

PLEASE RETURN

LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

House Bill 665, introduced by Representative Beverly Barnhart from House District 80, has been approved by the House and is beginning its travel through the Montana Senate.

This legislation requires school districts in seismic zone 3 to develop earthquake preparedness plans, with the assistance of the Office of Public Instruction and Disaster and Emergency Services.

School districts in: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Meagher, Park, Powell and Silver Bow counties shall implement the plans required by this legislation. Those schools in Zone 1 and 2 are encouraged to do the same.

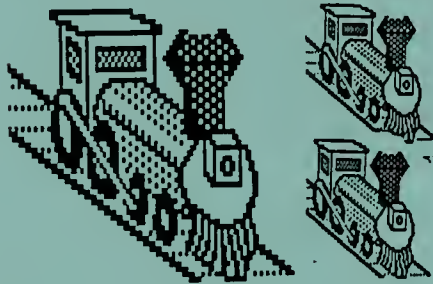
Mary Arnold

HAZMAT TRAIN

This train don't carry no travelers, but it offers emergency managers an opportunity to learn more about the hazardous materials traveling though Montana. Nicknamed the HAZMAT Train, the train is a rolling classroom on hazardous materials response.

There will be classroom instruction and hands-on field instruction utilizing a

locomotive, mechanically refrigerated boxcar, covered hopper and three tank cars. Participants will be climbing on the rail cars, so wear appropriate clothing. Gloves are recommended.



Montana DES, Amtrak, Burlington Northern, and Montana Rail Link are co-hosting the series of hazardous materials seminars, beginning the second week of June and ending the second week of July.

Please prepare your list of invitees, with mailing addresses, and send them to me as soon as possible. Do not forget to invite the media and prepare press releases. If you need any help, let me know.

NancyJo Ilminen

NATIONAL SECURITY EXERCISE

Local jurisdictions looking for a way to meet the requirement for a functional exercise with a national security scenario are in luck. The Region 8 offices of FEMA and the Dept. of Transportation are developing a national security exercise and inviting all of us to join in the play.

The exercise will be designed to test the national security aspects of the transportation system. Local participants will be able to exercise their transportation and communication capabilities. In most counties this will include participation by Disaster and Emergency Services, law enforcement, county and city commissions, public works and road departments and dispatch and communication offices.

The exercise is scheduled for March 17-19, 1992. To increase local involvement in the exercise development, the Regional Exercise team has been asked to present the exercise scenario during the fall conference. Plans are also underway to include a tabletop exercise of the scenario as part of the February 1992 Governor's Conference.

If you have any questions about this national security exercise, contact Mary Arnold. If you need help developing local play based on this national security scenario, contact NancyJo Ilminen.

Mary Arnold

PLANNING TO USE NEW FREQUENCIES

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission realized that radio users on public safety frequencies were clogging all of the available frequencies.

Public safety frequencies are used by law enforcement agencies, fire departments, local governments and other entities that have a roll in protecting the public. To alleviate this problem additional frequencies in the 800 MHz range were designated for public safety use. These frequencies will be allocated to users through an 800 Mhz Plan.

What is an 800 MHz plan? Basically, it is a plan for the allocation and use of 800 MHz frequencies for all public-safety agencies in Montana. According to the FCC, the plan must be completed by February 1, 1993. Once the plan has been accepted and approved by the Federal Communications Commission it becomes law.

The first meeting to begin the process of developing Montana's 800 MHz plan will be held May 2. Participants at that meeting will help determine the make up of a planning committee.

I will be attending this meeting. If you can not attend and have specific concerns, send them to me in writing and I will present them at the meeting.

Watch for additional information on this topic in future editions of this newsletter.

Homer Young

COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING MEETING

The Federal Communications Commission Final Report and Order on General Docket 87-112 calls for development and implementation of a national public safety communications plan and requires that separate plans be developed for 48 different regions. Montana is designated as Region 25.

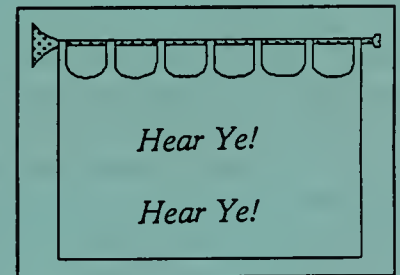
The first meeting of the Montana Regional Planning Committee will be held May 2, 1991 at 1:00 P.M. in Helena at the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services Auditorium. Representatives from all agencies and organizations with an interest in public safety frequency utilization are invited to attend and participate in the planning process.

The Montana Regional Planning Committee will be responsible for developing a statewide plan for use of new spectrum in the 800 MHz frequency bands allocated to Public Safety. In addition, the plan must account for existing and future use of other frequencies by public entities wishing to use spectrum. February 1, 1993 is the FCC's deadline for receipt of regional plans.

This Public Notice is in accordance with the FCC's

Report and Order in General Docket 87-112, adopted by the FCC on November 24, 1987 and released December 18, 1987. Copies of both the Report and Order and the Final Report are available from the FCC's duplication contractor, Downtown Copy Center, 1114 21st Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Phone (202) 452-1422.

If you have questions about this public-safety planning, contact Homer Young at 444-6911 or Dan Hawkins at 444-2758.



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are being accepted for the position of Administrator, Disaster and Emergency Services Division.

Persons interested in this position can get a copy of the job vacancy announcement, application form and supplemental questions at any Job Service Office. Applications must be submitted no later than April 8, 1991.

EXERCISE "HEADS-ON"

Dr. Floyd Shoemaker, FEMA Region VIII Training Manager, has agreed to grant table top exercise credit to all of the jurisdictions participating in the Governor's Conference "Exercise Heads-On".

To make everything easier, we will handle all of the paper work at the state office. Once completed, each District Representative will receive a copy of the paperwork. So, if you are interested in a copy, please contact your district representative.

Since each district exercised a scenario specifically designed for their own geographical location, all of the jurisdictions within a district will have the same narrative, participants and evaluation statements. The FEMA form 95-16 will include the evaluations presented during the debriefing at the conference.

Looking back - a special thanks to Kim Potter who spent an enormous amount of time writing narratives and messages, and coordinating and wrapping up the session. Also, special thanks to Wilma Puich for keeping Kim on track. "Exercise Heads-On" was a very successful learning session.

NancyJo Ilminen

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The March 1991 issue of the *Natural Hazards Observer* lists two interesting new publications.

The first publication, *Evacuation of Institutionalized and Specialized Populations*, assesses the special considerations involved in evacuating institutionalized people.

Single copies of this document are free. It is available from Barbara Vogt, Environment Energy and Resources Center, University of Tennessee, 10521 Research Drive, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37932.

Wildfire Protection: A Guide for Homeowners and Developers, is the second publication. This booklet explains the steps homeowners, builders and others can take to make homes safe in wild land areas. It also offers information on fire resistant plants for landscaping and how to react when a home is threatened by wildfire. The booklet contains many good diagrams. Technical information is presented simply and clearly.

This booklet is available free from Ron Barrett, Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators, Carson City Bureau of Land Management, 1101 Beverly Drive, Carson City, NV 89701.

Mary Arnold

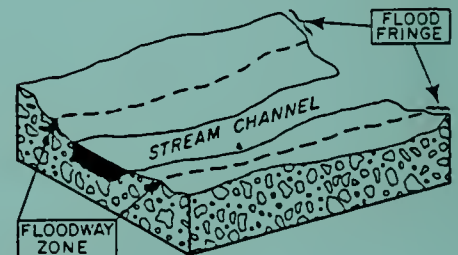
FLOOD FIGHT WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Five Flood Fight Workshops will be offered in Montana during April and May. The workshops are sponsored by county and state DES offices and presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

These workshops include a presentation by the National Weather Service on flood forecasting and flood warning terminology. The Corps of Engineers will address flood fight techniques and a practical exercise. The participants fill and stack sandbags during the exercise, so wear comfortable clothing.

The workshop schedule is:
Helena-April 3, 8:30 am
Lewistown-April 4, 1:00 pm
Roundup-April 6, 8:30 am
Conrad-April 20, 9:00 am
Drummond-May 4, 9:00 am

If you are interested in attending one of the workshops and have not enrolled contact Bob Musselman at 444-6911 or Mark Marty at 444-6668.



INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Introduction to Emergency Management Course was held in Helena March 11-15. The consensus of the participants was that it was very successful. The success of any program is dependent upon many people - thank you Paul Spengler, Lewis & Clark DES Coordinator - for your recruitment! We are still receiving requests from your community to attend the course, so many in fact, we are now considering conducting another one this fall.

Special thanks to Mayor Russ Ritter, County Commissioner, Dave Fuller and City Commissioner, Kay McKenna, for taking time out of their hectic schedules to hear and evaluate the team presentations. It was an honor and a privilege to have you with us.

State Exercise
Training
Officers Ken
Jarolimek,



North Dakota and Sal Gentle, South Dakota, joined the Montana DES instructional staff (Chris, Bob and NancyJo), and shared their expertise in emergency management. Ray Blehm, State Fire Marshal, thank you for presenting a great session on the Incident Command System.

The participants not knowing each other, formed teams, shared a common goal, trusted and respected each other and finally produced four excellent presentations. Success depends on everyone involved in the emergency management system. Participants, thank you for letting us be a part of your learning experience.

NancyJo Ilminen

REVISED FEMA DOCUMENTS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has updated two of our all time favorite documents. The first is the *Guide for the Development of State and Local Emergency Operations Plans*, better known as CPG 1-8.

CPG 1-8 has a new look. The sample annexes and sample basic plan are easier to follow and the format is clear and concise. Throw out your old copies and keep only those dated September 1990.

The second document is the *Nuclear Attack Environment Handbook*, H-21 August 1990. This book is an adaptation and abridgement of the *Attack Environment Manual* series, FEMA 125-133.

The *Nuclear Attack Environment Handbook* is about the same

size and color as the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook, so the two documents may get shuffled on a bookshelf.

This is a good summary of the nuclear attack threat, but the document doesn't provide all of the background information that make FEMA 125-133 classics. Keep your copies of these manuals alongside the new summary. They are useful together and offer similar information presented in different ways.

Copies of *Nuclear Attack Environment Handbook* are being distributed by district representatives. If you need additional copies of CPG 1-8 we have a few in Helena.

Mary Arnold

EMA BILLINGS

The state fiscal year ends June 30th. With your help all of the EMA billings should be paid before July 3. Please submit year-end billings early to meet this goal. I want to thank those counties which have kept their billings current. Keep up the good work!

Shauna Cornell

BOOKLET AVAILABLE!

Joint Service Booklet #1, *What to do and How to Report Military Aircraft Accidents* is back in print. If you would like additional copies of this booklet contact the Malmstrom Air Force Base Disaster Preparedness Office at 406-731-2988.



NCCEM NEWS

The National Coordinating Council on Emergency Management is using a grant from FEMA to develop basic criteria for professional standards.

The third phase of this project will include an examination program, pilot testing of the program, certification oversight, publicity and efforts to gain acceptance from local emergency managers nation-wide.

Local emergency managers have received a survey that will serve to provide information on the emergency management professional today. The information requested includes: training, education, experience and duties. The final professional criteria will include a combination of these factors.

When the program is implemented in January 1993, any emergency manager may apply for certification. After the first year, only those persons with a four-year college degree will be eligible to become Certified Emergency Managers (CEM).

There are several other certification requirements that are being considered.

If you have questions about the standards project or certification proposal, contact NCCEM Executive Director, Elizabeth Buzzerd, 7297 Lee Highway, Suite N, Falls Church, Virginia, 22042.

The previous material is summarized from a news release provided by NCCEM. If you have questions about NCCEM, please contact Helen Elliott, Pondera DES.



COMINGS AND GOINGS

The state DES staff is cheering, hanging banners and generally in rollicking good humor. An event for which we all waited hopefully, has occurred. On Friday, March 15, at 6:55 pm, Samuel Keenan Bingman Cox was born. He weighed seven pounds, five ounces. Mother, Gretchen Bingman, father, Allan Cox and baby, Keenan, are doing wonderfully. You may send your best wishes to 87 Ridge Place, Clancy, MT 59634.

Gretchen is scheduled to return to work in early July. Please hurry back, we miss you already. Congratulations!

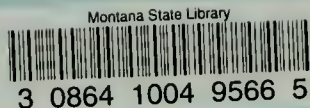
Another newcomer has also caused quite a ruckus. Shirley Shiller is the new DES coordinator in Ravalli County. This new redhead stood out in the crowd at the Governor's Conference. Welcome, Shirley.

Bill King, long time Carbon County DES coordinator has resigned due to ill health. Bill has done a great deal to further DES in Montana. He recently hosted a meeting of all the state DES directors in Region 8 in Red Lodge. We hope your health improves, Bill. Keep in touch.

Golden Valley County has a new Civil Defense director. Mr. Dee Howard has been appointed to fill the post vacated by Mark Kirkpatrick. Goodbye, Mark. Hello, Dee.

John Nickish has resigned from his job as Rosebud County DES coordinator. Carole Raymond is the new coordinator in Rosebud County. Right next door, Bill Hedges has been appointed DES coordinator for Treasure County.

There is another new face in the Helena office. Dan Poore has been hired to work as a RADEF Technician with Jim Brown.



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